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SETTING UP OF FINISHING SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up `finishing schools` to make the Engineering Graduates capable keeping in view of the lack of ability to get employment in most of the engineering graduates as reported in `The Times of India` dated February 7,2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of graduate engineers likely to be benefited from the above `finishing schools`;and

(d) the time by which the above schools are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT.D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): In order to impart communication and IT skills to engineering graduates as well as to brush-up their knowledge of core subjects so as to make them employable in IT/ITeS sectors, it has been decided to start Finishing Schools, initially in seven National Institutes of Technology (NITs) at Jaipur, Kurukshetra, Durgapur, Warangal, Trichy, Calicut and Surathkal as well as at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee. The Finishing School courses would be organized during May-July, 2007. Each Institute would conduct Finishing School courses for a period of 8 to 10 weeks for engineering graduates who are unemployed. The Institutes would utilize their existing infrastructure for conducting the courses.